

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Applicants respectfully request that the following paragraph be added to the specification immediately after ¶ [0036]:

FIG. 1 (e) illustrates a breaking of the needle housing when the lancet system is ejected from the lancing aid;

Applicants respectfully request that the following paragraph be added to the specification immediately after ¶ [0046]:

FIG. 1 (e) is a perspective view of a lancet system illustrating a breaking of the needle housing when the lancet system is removed from the lancing aid. As described above, the blocking mechanism may include a predetermined breaking point which results in a breaking of the needle housing 2a when the lancet is removed from the lancing aid.